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Applicant : Neal A. Brown  
Serial No. : 09/875,209  
Filed : June 4, 2001  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REDUCING DRAG AND VORTEX-INDUCED VIBRATION IN MARINE APPLICATIONS

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PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(A)(3)

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3) to add a priority claim to the above-referenced application. This application is a continuation-in-part application of and claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/697,382, filed on October 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,349,664, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/213,597, filed on December 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,148,751. The present application was filed during the pendency of Application No. 09/697,382. The present application has been amended to include this priority claim.

Enclosed a check for \$1280 in payment of the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t).

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Applicant submits that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

A Reply to Office Action of July 11, 2003 has been filed concurrently and attached is a copy.

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